



Receipt
#7

Attorney Docket No. 53326-0016

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Group Art Unit No.: 2819

Martin TOBIAS, et al.

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Serial No.: 09/499,961

Filed: February 8, 2000

For: DISTRIBUTED PRODUCTION SYSTEM FOR
DIGITALLY ENCODING INFORMATION

RECEIVED

Commissioner for Patents
Office of the Initial Patent Examination
Customer Service Center
Washington, DC 20231

OCT 24 2001

Technology Center 2600

REQUEST FOR A CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

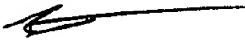
Sir:

Please furnish the undersigned with a corrected filing receipt for the above-identified application. The corrections needed are as follows:

- (1) The title is incorrect. The title should read Distributed Production System For Digitally Encoding Information; and
- (2) The sixth inventor's name, Aaron Roberts is incorrect and should read "Aron Roberts".
- (3) The ninth inventor's name, Ken Susuki is incorrect and should read "Ken Suzuki".

Respectfully submitted,

HICKMAN PALERMO TRUONG & BECKER LLP


Dated: September 24, 2001

Brian D. Hickman
Registration No. 35,894

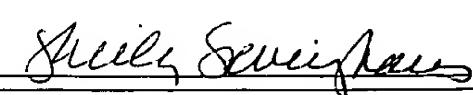
1600 Willow Street
San Jose, California 95125-5106
Telephone: (408) 414-1080
Facsimile: (408) 414-1076

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Office of Initial Patent Examination, Customer Service Center, Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 on September 24, 2001.

on September 24, 2001

by





UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231
www.uspto.gov

CB/SS
check

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE	GRP ART UNIT	FIL FEE REC'D	ATTY.DOCKET.NO	DRAWINGS	TOT CLAIMS	IND CLAIMS
09/499,961	02/08/2000	2819	410	53326-016	6	15	3

HICKMAN PALERMOO TRUONG & BECKER LLP
1600 Willow Street
San Jose, CA 95125-5106

FILING RECEIPT



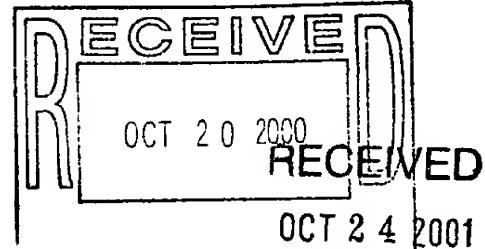
OC000000005467451

Date Mailed: 10/12/2000

Receipt is acknowledged of this nonprovisional Patent Application. It will be considered in its order and you will be notified as to the results of the examination. Be sure to provide the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Customer Service Center. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the PTO processes the reply to the Notice, the PTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).

Applicant(s)

Martin Tobias, Seattle, WA ;
Beverley Kite, Seattle, WA ;
Mathews Brown, Seattle, WA ;
Eric Lindvall, Seattle, WA ;
Jeffrey Oberlander, Seattle, WA ;
Aron Aaron Roberts, Seattle, WA ;
Anna Hansen, Port Angeles, WA ;
Gregory Malley, Seattle, WA ;
Ken Suzuki, Seattle, WA ;
Suzuki,



Technology Center 2600

Continuing Data as Claimed by Applicant

THIS APPLN CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/119,762 02/11/1999 ✓
WHICH CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/120,209 02/11/1999 ✓
WHICH CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/120,207 02/11/1999 ✓
WHICH CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/120,206 02/11/1999 ✓
WHICH CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/120,208 02/11/1999 ✓
WHICH CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/156,817 09/29/1999 ✓

DOCKETED

DATES:

10/23/00 K

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted 04/17/2000

** SMALL ENTITY **

Title

Distributed production system/digitally encoding information

For

Preliminary Class

341

Data entry by : BURNS, ERIC

Team : OIPE

Date: 10/12/2000





LICENSE FOR FOREIGN FILING UNDER
 Title 35, United States Code, Section 184
 Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 5.11 & 5.15

RECEIVED

OCT 24 2001

Technology Center 2600

GRANTED

The applicant has been granted a license under 35 U.S.C. 184, if the phrase "IF REQUIRED, FOREIGN FILING LICENSE GRANTED" followed by a date appears on this form. Such licenses are issued in all applications where the conditions for issuance of a license have been met, regardless of whether or not a license may be required as set forth in 37 CFR 5.15. The scope and limitations of this license are set forth in 37 CFR 5.15(a) unless an earlier license has been issued under 37 CFR 5.15(b). The license is subject to revocation upon written notification. The date indicated is the effective date of the license, unless an earlier license of similar scope has been granted under 37 CFR 5.13 or 5.14.

This license is to be retained by the licensee and may be used at any time on or after the effective date thereof unless it is revoked. This license is automatically transferred to any related applications(s) filed under 36 CFR 1.53(d). This license is not retroactive.

The grant of a license does not in any way lessen the responsibility of a licensee for the security of the subject matter as imposed by any Government contract or the provisions of existing laws relating to espionage and the national security or the export of technical data. Licensees should apprise themselves of current regulations especially with respect to certain countries, of other agencies, particularly the Office of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State (with respect to Arms, Munitions and Implements of War (22 CFR 121-128)); the Office of Export Administration, Department of Commerce (15 CFR 370.10 (j)); the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of Treasury (31 CFR Parts 500+) and the Department of Energy.

NOT GRANTED

No license under 35 U.S.C. 184 has been granted at this time, if the phrase "IF REQUIRED, FOREIGN FILING LICENSE GRANTED" DOES NOT appear on this form. Applicant may still petition for a license under 37 CFR 5.12, if a license is desired before the expiration of 6 months from the filing date of the application. If 6 months has lapsed from the filing date of this application and the licensee has not received any indication of a secrecy order under 35 U.S.C. 181, the licensee may foreign file the application pursuant to 37 CFR 5.15(b).

PLEASE NOTE the following information about the Filing Receipt:

- The articles such as "a," "an" and "the" are not included as the first words in the title of an application. They are considered to be unnecessary to the understanding of the title.
- The words "new," "improved," "improvements in" or "relating to" are not included as first words in the title of an application because a patent application, by nature, is a new idea or improvement.
- The title may be truncated if it consists of more than 600 characters (letters and spaces combined).
- The docket number allows a maximum of 25 characters.
- If your application was submitted under 37 CFR 1.10, your filing date should be the "date in" found on the Express Mail label. If there is a discrepancy, you should submit a request for a corrected Filing Receipt along with a copy of the Express Mail label showing the "date in."
- The title is recorded in sentence case.

Any corrections that may need to be done to your Filing Receipt should be directed to:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Office of Initial Patent Examination
 Customer Service Center
 Washington, DC 20231



DISTRIBUTED PRODUCTION SYSTEM FOR DIGITALLY ENCODING
INFORMATION

RECEIVED

OCT 24 2001

Technology Center 2600

This patent application claims priority from,
5 U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/119,762, filed on February 11, 1999,
entitled PRODUCTION SYSTEM FOR DIGITALLY ENCODING INFORMATION;
U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/120,209, filed on February 11, 1999,
entitled MEDIA DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM;
U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/120,207, filed on February 11, 1999,
10 entitled SYSTEM FOR REMOTE PERFORMANCE OF DIGITAL ENCODING;
U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/120,206, filed on February 11, 1999,
entitled DIGITAL VCR;
U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/120,208, filed on February 11, 1999,
entitled SYSTEM FOR HANDLING VOICE MAIL IN AN E-MAIL SYSTEM; and
15 U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/156,817, filed on September 29, 1999,
entitled STREAMING MEDIA ENCODING AGENT FOR TEMPORAL
MODIFICATIONS;
the content of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

20 FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention generally relates to computer systems, and more
specifically to a distributed encoding mechanism for encoding digital information.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

In recent years, the media industry has expanded its horizons beyond traditional
25 analog technologies. Recorded media programs such as audio, photographs, and even
feature films are now being recorded or converted into a variety of different digital
encoding formats. For example, digital movies may now be encoded using a variety of